

REMARKS

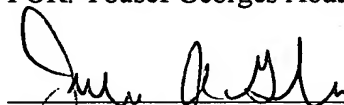
Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 1 - 16, 22 - 24, 26 - 28, 30, and 32 - 33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. 5,698,476 issued to Johnson et al. ("Johnson") for the reasons of record stated on page 4 of the Office Action. These claims are cancelled herewith without prejudice, hence the rejection of these claims is now moot.

SUMMARY

Claims 1 - 16, 22 - 24, 26 - 28, 30, and 32 - 33 are cancelled herewith without prejudice. The Examiner has indicated that claims 17 - 21, 25, and 34 are allowable. Applicants respectfully request allowance of these claims.

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